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SENATOR, 32ND DISTRICT

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Hilda L. Solis, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Letter of Support of the Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance

Dear Supervisor Solis:

It is with pleasure that I write this letter in support of the Los Angeles County Pharmaceuticals and Sharps Collection and Disposal Stewardship Ordinance.

The Los Angeles County efforts to adopt an ordinance that would dispose of all unwanted and unused pharmaceuticals and sharps waste generated by residents is long overdue. This ordinance would establish a sustainable financed program that would provide residents with convenient means to safely dispose of unwanted sharps and pharmaceuticals that would help prevent these hazardous items from entering the environment. The ordinance would also support the reduction of misuse of these items which may end in injuries associated with the improper disposal of sharp items.

It is my understanding that meetings were conducted with the County and several stakeholders of the manufacturers and producers of these materials, retailers, pharmacies, consumer advocacy groups, environmental organizations, waste hauling industry, and others in order to construct the most effective ordinance that would support the safety and convenience of residents.

It is without reservation that I urge the Board of Supervisors to vote in support of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Mendoza".

TONY MENDOZA
Senator, 32nd District